



# BIOGRAPHY



## *UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS*

### **COLONEL ANTHONY "AJ" MANUEL**

Col. Anthony "AJ" Manuel is the Deputy Director of the F-35 Academic Training Center, 33rd Fighter Wing, Air Education and Training Command, Eglin AFB, Fla. Colonel Manuel is responsible for all aspects of pilot and maintainer ground training associated with the F-35 Lightning II joint strike fighter overseeing a 260,000 square foot state-of-the-art facility with the capacity for training in excess of 2,100 U.S. and international pilot and maintenance students annually.

Colonel Manuel earned his commission thru the Marine Corps' Platoon Leaders Course, Quantico, Virginia in 1990. He completed Navy Supply Corps School in Athens, Ga. and has served two corporate fellowships: Commandant of the Marine Corps Corporate Fellow (Boeing) St Louis, Mo. and Secretary of Defense Corporate Fellow (Insitu) Bingen, Wash.

Colonel Manuel twice served as a Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron (MALS) Commanding Officer. His last squadron, MALS-40, supported Marine Aircraft Group - 40 and 2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade in Afghanistan. MALS-40 was awarded the Secretary of Defense Phoenix trophy in 2010 as the best maintenance unit in the Department of Defense.



### **EDUCATION**

- 1986, 1988 USMC Platoon Leaders Course, Quantico, Va.
- 1989 Bachelor of Science Business Administration, University of Louisville, Ky.
- 1990 USMC The Basic School, Quantico, Va.
- 1990 USN Supply Corps School, Athens, Ga.
- 1999 USMC Amphibious Warfare School, Quantico, Va.
- 2000 USMC Advanced Logistics Officers Course, Quantico, Va.
- 2001 USMC Command and Staff School (non-resident)

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

1. October 1990 - June 1993, assistant supply officer, MALS-31, Beaufort, S.C.
2. June 1993 - June 1996, officer recruiter, 12th Marine Corps District, Oakland, Calif.
3. August 1996 - May 1997, student, Amphibious Warfare School, Quantico, Va.
4. June 1997 - June 1999, fiscal officer, MAG-36, Okinawa, Japan
5. July 1999 - June 2001, aviation supply and operations officer, MALS-36, Okinawa, Japan
6. August 2001 - July 2004, Navy flying hour program requirements officer, CNO N432, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
7. August 2004 - May 2005, Commandant, Marine Corps Corporate Fellow, St Louis, Mo.
8. June 2005 - May 2007, Deputy, Aviations Logistics Department, 2nd MAW, Cherry Point, N.C.
9. June 2007 - March 2009, Commanding Officer, MALS-14, Cherry Point, N.C.
10. March 2009 - March 2010, Commanding Officer, MALS-40 Forward, Afghanistan
11. July 2010 - June 2011, Secretary of Defense Corporate Fellow, Bingen, Wash.
12. June 2011 - present, Deputy Director, F-35 Academic Training Center, Eglin AFB, Fla.

**MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Meritorious Service Medal with gold star  
Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with two gold stars  
Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal  
Afghanistan Campaign Medal  
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal  
National Defense Service Medal with bronze star  
NATO ISAF Afghanistan Medal  
Marine Corps Recruiting Ribbon

**EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant	Jan. 6, 1990
First Lieutenant	Jan. 1, 1992
Captain	Sept. 1, 1994
Major	Sept. 1, 1999
Lieutenant Colonel	Sept. 1, 2005
Colonel	Oct. 1, 2011

(Current as of October 2011)